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TO: Chief, FBIB  
FROM: Chief, London Bureau, FBIS.

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SUBJECT: Report of activities of London Bureau covering  
month ending 15 March 1948.

I. Implementation of recently proposed plans and policies.

Key members of the American delegations to the two London parleys on Germany and Austria were provided the regular daily output of the report section, plus a short special report devoted solely to European radio reaction to the London meetings. This service was first provided to six American delegates, but subsequent requests from the Ambassador's office later raised the total to eight.

At the cabled request of G-2 EUCOM, complete coverage of the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia was provided that agency. This was done by addressing all broadcast texts pertaining to the Czech crisis to both Washington [redacted]

Preliminary conversations took place with [redacted] possibilities of closer integration of coverage [redacted] Fuller discussion is being shelved pending the visit to England of the Chief, FBIB.

At Washington's request a chart was prepared showing the estimated wordage, by country of origin and language, monitored daily [redacted] and made available to FBIS. (See attached.)

FBIS London offices were physically moved on 20 February into the American Embassy building.

II. Accomplishments of overall mission including firmly established individual objectives

Traffic figures show that during the month under review a total of 798,094 words was filed to Washington. This represented a slight reduction from the previous month's total of 846,462 words. Of the 798,094 words transmitted between 16 February-15 March, 787,850 went over Signal Corps facilities and 10,244 via Western Union.

From the report section 102,420 words were filed to each of the following: G-2 EUCOM, OIC OMGUS, ODI OMGUS and G-2 USFA. The American Embassy in Paris received 42,040 words.

In addition to the above, 168,525 words of [redacted] material were relayed to Washington.

III. Proposals for improvement.

There are no concrete proposals to be reported this month. The scheduled visit to this outpost of the Chief, FBIB, is eagerly awaited for the opportunity it will give for discussion of several problems peculiar to this outpost and for an exchange of views pertaining to operating procedures.

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